

MINOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL RULES

Winslow Minor's Rules

For 2010

1. No jewelry shall be worn by any player at any time during the game.
2. A pitcher must be removed if she hits 3 batters in one inning or 5 batters in a game.
3. Pitchers may pitch from the front of the pitching arc or approximately 32' from Home plate. The umpire may use their discretion to move the pitcher back to the rubber if she/he determines the pitcher can reach the plate from the proper distance.
4. Windmill pitching styles will be allowed for all games.
5. Bunting will be allowed. Please use your discretion and promote swinging away. Teach all aspects of the game.
6. Free substitution of players in the field will be allowed. However, since all players will be in the original batting order, no juggling of the batting order will be permitted once the game begins.
7. The 10-run rule will be in effect for all games and take affect after 5 innings for visiting teams and 4 ½ innings for home teams.
8. No inning shall start after 7:45 pm.
9. Stealing of bases will be allowed when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. No stealing of home, passed ball or otherwise, is allowed. **No advancing to first base on a dropped third strike.**
10. One base is allowed on an overthrow that goes out of play. A runner may advance unlimited bases, including home, with the liability of a put out when an overthrown ball is still in play.
11. An inning will last the shorter of two: 3 outs or once through the smaller sized lineup of both teams.
12. No coach or player shall challenge an umpire's call. Ejection from a game will result in disciplinary action against the player or coach, with possibility of removal from the team for the remainder of the season a reality.
13. Game balls and umpire paychecks (if not previously provided) will be stored in the Middle Field concession stand.
14. If a game is rained out, the home team (or Winslow team) must call the visiting team and league coordinator to cancel by 4 pm. The league coordinator will contact the umpire in chief to cancel games.
15. The game results are to be emailed in to the Morning Sentinel by the home team. This task **must** be done by 9:00pm. The email address is: cmnsport@centralmaine.com. List the top 3 hitters for both teams, the winning pitcher and the score. Do not post the team records as wins and losses in this league are immaterial. Please send a carbon copy to Tara Schmitt at rpschmitt@roadrunner.com to post scores on Leaguelineup.com.